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1 May

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 16 kerosene cars, and 45 closed cars.

night.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: One train of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulf: Two trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 15 closed cars, 17 carloads of iron, two carloads of trucks, and six carloads of autos.

night

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: Two trains of unknown make-up.

One train composed of 36 cars decorated with pictures and flags and loaded with soldiers was observed between Nakhdagh (not located) and Kinal Gishlag (39-12N, 45-20E).

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1-2 May

(Report for two days,  
with possible dupli-  
cation of rail traffic  
of above date.)

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Six trains composed of 29 passenger cars, five carloads of timber, two carloads of stone, 65 closed cars, three carloads of kerosene, two carloads of sand, 11 boxcars, and nine carloads of wooden poles; one other train.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Seven trains composed of 20 passenger cars, two carloads of fire wood, 47 closed cars, 15 kerosene cars, two carloads of cases and iron; two other trains.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars and 14 carloads of cases and ammunition.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: Five trains composed of 19 cars carrying soldiers, women, and children, seven passenger cars, two carloads of lumber, 20 kerosene cars, one carload of sand, five carloads of cases and ammunition, four mortars, three empty cars.

night

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: One train of unknown make-up.

4 May

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Two trains composed of one carload of planks, one kerosene car, one empty car, 12 boxcars, and 15 passenger cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Five trains composed of 15 kerosene cars, 20 boxcars, 15 passenger cars, two freight cars, ten carloads of wooden poles, and four carloads of sand.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 22 boxcars, 14 passenger cars, one car carrying soldiers, one car carrying trucks, and 25 cars loaded with iron girders.

night

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Three trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 24 boxcars.

2. Dzhulfa

1 May

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 30 boxcars and 27 gondolas loaded with planks.

Direction unstated: Two passenger trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa to Ordubad: One train composed of 31 boxcars and seven gondolas containing armed soldiers.

night

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa to Ordubad: Two trains of unknown make-up.

1-2 May

(Report for two days,  
with possible dupli-  
cation of rail traffic  
of above date.)

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Two passenger trains; three freight trains composed of 59 boxcars, 18 gondolas loaded with coal, one carload of trucks, and four kerosene cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa to Ordubad: Two passenger trains; three freight trains composed of 102 boxcars, five empty gondolas, and ten kerosene cars.

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Dzhulfa continued-

night

Direction unstated: Seven trains of unknown make-up left Dzhulfa.

Soviet soldiers conducted rifle firing practice at Dzhulfa.

4 May

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 54 boxcars, 26 gondolas containing coal, wood, and lumber, and 13 kerosene cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa to Ordubad: One train composed of 15 boxcars and two gondolas.

Direction unstated: Two passenger trains of unknown make-up.

night

Direction unstated: Three trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound road traffic, Dzhulfa to Ordubad: One truck-drawn 105 mm gun.

Fifty-five Soviet soldiers engaged in rifle firing practice at Dzhulfa.

One hundred forty-five white rockets were fired at Dzhulfa.

3. Sia Rud

1 May

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 74 freight cars, 54 covered cars, three kerosene tank cars, and 17 gondolas containing wood and planks.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 20 passenger cars, six covered cars, 14 gondolas carrying sand, and 15 passenger cars.

1-2 May  
(Report for two days, with possible duplication of rail traffic of above date.)

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Six trains composed of 27 passenger cars, 146 covered cars, 14 gondolas loaded with timber, five gondolas loaded with motors, and five kerosene cars.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Four trains composed of 29 passenger cars, 44 covered cars, 27 carloads of coal, poles, timber, and lumber, and two carloads of autos.

4 May

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Four trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 58 boxcars, four kerosene cars, 34 gondolas loaded with three wood-working machines, wood, and planks.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One passenger train composed of 14 cars, of which six cars carried armed soldiers.

5 May

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 39 freight cars, ten covered cars, and 17 gondolas loaded with one generator, planks, and wooden poles.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Four trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 20 freight cars, 13 covered cars, and seven gondolas loaded with gravel.

4. Khuda Afarin

1-2 May

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Four trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 302 boxcars, 43 gondolas loaded with coal and iron cases, several empty cars, and 12 kerosene cars.

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Khuda Afarin continued-

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 127 boxcars, 15 kerosene cars, and 35 gondolas of which six were loaded with motors and the remainder with coal and wood.

5. Astara

1 May

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Four jeeps carrying eight officers and a few unarmed soldiers; 12 trucks with unidentified loads.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Three jeeps carrying six officers and seven unarmed soldiers; two groups of unarmed soldiers on foot.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Two trucks and one motorcycle carrying one officer, 19 unarmed soldiers, two armed soldiers, and three barrels; one soldier riding a bicycle; one officer on horseback.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: One jeep, nine trucks, and two trucks (sic) full of armed soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: One truck carrying soldiers.

1100-1200  
hours

There was machine gun firing practice along the coast.

0500 hours

Two gunboats, each equipped with one heavy machine gun, arrived at Astara carrying large cargoes.

Twenty white and red rockets were fired at Haidar Mahalleh and along the coast.

0830 on

Twenty women worked opposite the Khoshkeh Dahaneh post.

2 May

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Three trucks.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Seven jeeps, 21 trucks, one auto, one battalion of troops, several women, and a band. The people were celebrating May Day.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Two trucks carrying several civilians and three armed soldiers.

One jeep carrying two officers moved between Qapchi Mahalleh and Masjed Mahalleh six times; several times it stopped at Alashai.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: Three trucks and one cart carrying six unarmed soldiers and straw.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: One jeep, one truck, and two carts carrying one officer and 12 soldiers.

Two white and red rockets were fired at the Qapchi Mahalleh post. Six white and red rockets were fired at the Haidar Mahalleh post.

Searchlights were turned on 16 times in the area.

Officers at the Astara garrison have been replaced by new officers.

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Astara continued-

From 1000 hours to 1200 hours and from 1200 to 1400 hours the area of Bagchen Sareh was under observation by four officers who worked in shifts of two.

3-4 May

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Two jeeps, one auto, one ambulance, and 25 trucks carrying four officers, 25 unarmed soldiers, and four civilians; one group of unarmed soldiers.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Two jeeps, one auto, seven empty trucks, and one cart carrying 15 officers and two armed soldiers; one group of unarmed soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: One jeep, one truck, one auto, three carts, and one ambulance carrying one officer, two civilians, and 24 unarmed soldiers; two trucks full of unarmed soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: One jeep carrying two officers; one truckload of logs; one group of unarmed soldiers on foot.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: One jeep, one motorcycle, and three trucks carrying four officers, 22 unarmed soldiers, and sand; one officer riding a bicycle.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: One jeep, one truck, one motorcycle, and one cart carrying three officers, a few unarmed soldiers, one civilian, and logs; two soldiers riding bicycles.

Two armed soldiers from Bagchen Sareh installed 150 wooden sticks, half a meter each in length, near the border and connected the sticks with a thin wire.

Several rockets were fired at Bagchen Sareh. Fifteen white and red rockets were fired at Haidar Mahalleh and from behind the Astara garrison. Searchlights were turned on intermittently.

5 May

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Two jeeps, two trucks, and one motorcycle carrying five officers and six unarmed soldiers; 13 trucks carrying unidentified loads.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: One auto and seven empty trucks.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: One jeep, two trucks, and three carts carrying two officers, one sergeant, 40 unarmed soldiers, six civilians, and logs; one truckload of men and women soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: Three trucks and one cart carrying two officers, 45 unarmed soldiers, and wood.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: One jeep carrying one officer; 12 unarmed soldiers; one truckload of soldiers.

Four white and four red rockets were fired at Haidarabad and along the coast. Searchlights were turned on 21 times during the night.

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6. Lutfabad

1 May

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Eight trains composed of 46 passenger cars, 84 kerosene cars, and 81 freight cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Eight trains composed of 31 passenger cars, 113 kerosene cars, and 12 (also reported as 62) freight cars.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Kaakha and Ashkhabad: Four trains of unknown make-up.

Twelve of the locomotives of the trains observed were diesel types.

2 May

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Six trains composed of 60 passenger cars, 62 kerosene cars, 110 freight cars, and nine carloads of iron.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Seven trains composed of 70 passenger cars, 133 kerosene cars, and 128 freight cars of which three were loaded with armored cars, 21 were loaded with iron, 69 were loaded with wood, 20 were loaded with coal, and the rest were covered.

night

Destination unstated: Four trains of unknown make-up.

Eleven of the locomotives of the trains observed were diesel types.

3-4 May

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Eleven trains composed of 51 passenger cars, 171 kerosene cars, 42 carloads of iron, 20 carloads of wood, one car carrying a searchlight, and 88 covered cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Fourteen trains composed of 31 passenger cars, 265 kerosene cars, 53 covered cars, 21 carloads of iron, 85 carloads of wood, and one car loaded with large boxes and one searchlight.

night

Direction unstated: Ten trains of unknown make-up.

Twelve of the locomotives of the trains observed were diesel types.

5 May

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Six trains composed of 27 passenger cars, 61 kerosene cars, one car loaded with an artillery piece, ten carloads of iron, 23 carloads of wood, three carloads of coal, and 52 boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Eight trains composed of 20 passenger cars, 40 kerosene cars, 34 carloads of iron, seven carloads of wood, and 91 boxcars.

night

Direction unstated: Four trains of unknown make-up.

Eleven of the locomotives of the trains observed were diesel types.

Five meters from the border post at Lutfabad a watch tower is under construction.

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